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Anticipated Floor Schedule

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. Last votes expected: 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the House Floor will be cleared at approximately 12:30 p.m. in order to provide time for a security sweep of the House Chamber prior to the Liberian President's arrival. The House will reconvene at approximately 1:45 p.m. in Joint Meeting with the Senate for the purpose of receiving Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia.

One Minutes (10 per side)

H.R. 4939 - Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Open Rule, One Hour of General Debate, Begin Consideration)
(Sponsored by Rep. Lewis (CA) / Appropriations Committee)

Rolled Suspension Votes (2 bills):

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 190** - Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards
(Sponsored by Rep. Smith (NJ) / International Relations Committee)
- 2) **H.R. 4944** - To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes
(Sponsored by Rep. Shaw / Ways and Means Committee)

Tanner Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4297 - Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005

Special Orders

Thursday's Forecast

On Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business.

H.R. 4939 - Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Open Rule, Complete Consideration) (Sponsored by Rep. Lewis (CA) / Appropriations Committee)

H.R. 1606 - Online Freedom of Speech Act (Subject to a Rule)
(Sponsored by Rep. Hensarling / House Administration Committee)

Quote of the Day

"U.S. businesses created new jobs at a brisk pace last month, raising the prospect that the economy could pick up momentum as additional wage income supports consumer spending. The Labor Department reported Friday that nonfarm payrolls jumped 243,000 in February, the largest such expansion since November."

"Average hourly wages rose five cents to \$16.47 last month, up 0.3% from January. When compared with February a year ago, average hourly wages are up 3.5%, the largest annual gain since September 2001."

-- The Wall Street Journal (3/11/06)